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# BOY BAND SUPER FANS

## Inside the NKOTB and BSB connection

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Megan McBrearty is married with kids, in her late 30s, works as a mortgage broker, lives in Bartlett. And when she was 14 or so, in the late 1980s, she loved the New Kids on the Block sooo much. SO. MUCH.

Her bedroom was overstuffed with New Kids tchotchkes, wallpapered with the non-threatening magnetism of Joey and Jordan and Donnie and Jonathan. And even Danny. This was way back when, before the Backstreet Boys and the Bieber—before Blockheads began calling the NKOTB the “NKOTB.”

Megan loved them so much she made them pancakes.

“I made a pancake for each New Kid,” she explained bashfully. “Then I put their initials on the pancakes, personalizing each pancake. Then I put the pancakes on my mother’s good china and boxed it up with her silverware and some syrup and mailed it to the New Kids on the Block Fan Club. And she was not happy.”

NKOTB, who were synonymous with teen pop in the late ’80s, in May opened their summer tour with the Backstreet Boys, who were impossible to avoid from roughly 1997 to 2000. NKOTBSB, as the combined super-group calls itself, returns to Chicago on June 17 and 18 for two shows at the United Center.

Fandom makes people do crazy things. Like attend a NKOTBSB concert in 2011. Or pay for backstage access, years after these groups burned red-hot. That’s not surprising, though. Neither is the inevitable nostalgia for NKOTB and BSB. Or that BSB can still pull



Megan McBrearty loved the New Kids on the Block so much when she was a teen that she made them all pancakes—and mailed them on her mother’s china. STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE

off white satin suits. It’s not even surprising there’s still an audience hanging tough with NKOTB and BSB—combined, they’ve sold more than 300 million albums.

What’s surprising is the lasting intensity of that bond between fan and boy band. “People laugh at me,” said Keisha Middleton, 28. “My family laughs at me. Some people are supportive, but most go, ‘Really? Still?’ So I’m like, ‘Still.’ I don’t care.”

As Ed Hirt, a professor in the psychologi-

cal and brain sciences department at Indiana University who studies fan behavior, puts it: “There’s a period of time when you have hallmark moments in life. These become like first loves. So of course you want to go back and relive that time, when things were simpler. For many, these moments happen when they’re teenagers and get drivers licenses and experience a little freedom. For others, these moments are earlier, though the need to rejoin them later is no less powerful.”



NKOTB fan Michelle Kallick sports a vintage band sweatshirt. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE



Morgan Marshall shows off her boy band memorabilia. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

As Kate Bradley, of the Washington, D.C.-based marketing firm Outlandos Media, which specializes in the connection between fans and nostalgia, puts it: “I get it. I’m not a fan of New Kids or Backstreet Boys, but I am a big fan of the fountain of youth. I am a woman and I buy cream and music makes me feel [bleeping] young.”

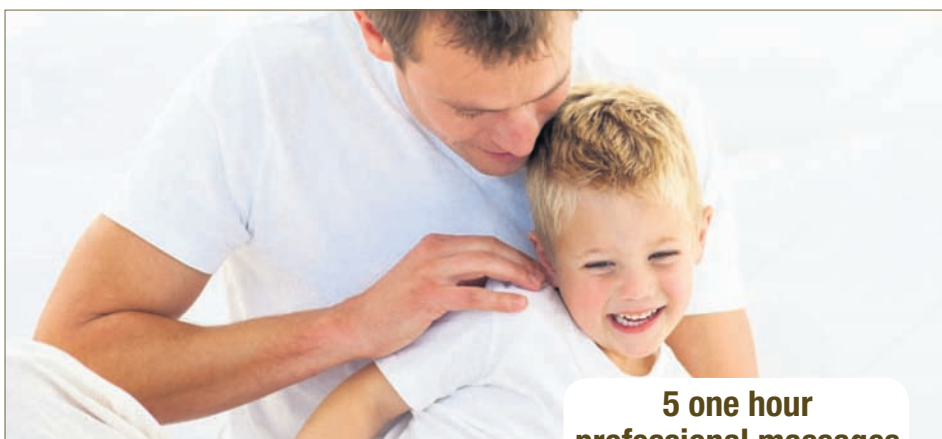
And as Samantha Thegze, 27, a BSB fan from St. John, Ind., puts it: “New Kids fans are still nuts. It surprises me. Donnie’ll rip off his shirt and, like, women, 30-something moms, still get in fistfights over it!”

## The Dream(y) Team

What do you get when you merge **New Kids on the Block** with the **Backstreet Boys**? NKOTBSB, of course. REUTERS PHOTO







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## Don't need A/C? Fine, I'll take it

A friend described this week's heat wave to me as "so hot I honestly considered jean shorts"—and I wasn't even mad at him.

Well, not everyone is so solutions-oriented in dealing with heat waves. I was having drinks with a few folks this week and some clown made this whale of a statement: "I don't even have an A/C, man. What's the point? You don't NEED one, you guys."

Say what, son? It's hotter than a Stacey Dash/Kate Upton make-out session out there and you're talking about how you don't "need" A/C?

See, people like that really get me going. When I say "people like that," I'm talking about those characters who feel it necessary to brag about abstaining from simple luxuries in an attempt to sound more worldly. I've even given these folks a nickname: Gwynnies, after their patron saint, Gwyneth Paltrow. Not sure what a Gwynnie is? Let me clue you in.

Gwynnies aren't hipsters. People look at hipsters' throwback Vancouver Grizzlies jerseys and immediately cast them off, but I dig them. Hey, I always have someone to go to a Cliche show with! The difference between the groups is that a true hipster is too busy trying to be ironic to complain about being different. I'd sooner listen to the entire Clap Your Hands Say Yeah discography while French-kissing a beardo than hear a Gwynnie talk about how much he or she doesn't own a TV because "it's the lowest form of entertainment."

One of the Gwynnie's key moves is to tell you how much is going on in places he's never been. I try to stay up on the news, but nothing infuriates me more than some Gwynnie waxing a gem like, "Why is Weinergate so important? There's a small village in west Slovenia that is going through the turmoil of a crop shortage!" Look man, I hate all suffering. Understand though, when you say things like that, my only response is going to be, "Well, how's about—oh I don't know—contributing something to the relief efforts instead of posting a pic you made in Photoshop on Tumblr?"

The final clue that you're dealing with a Gwynnie: If everyone loves it, the Gwynnie hates it. I engaged a Gwynnie in conversation the other night, and the smug oozed from her pores as we talked about pro sports ("It's modern-day gladiator combat. I don't waste my time with such trivial stuff") and popular music ("It SUCKS. I'm into this co-op of deaf folk singers from Muscle Shoals right now. They're what real music sounds like."). I got so annoyed that I almost threw my whiskey ginger across the bar.

If you're truly different, you don't need to tell everyone. We know. Just enjoy what you enjoy and spare us the holier-than-thou attitude and everything that comes with it. Now, could someone crank up the damn A/C?

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# RACE CASE

**REDEYE EXPLORES THE MULTIRACIAL EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO THROUGH THE EYES OF ONE GROUP**

**By Tracy Swartz**

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When she was a teenager, Alisha Saville had trouble defining herself.

As she applied to colleges, she had to mark her race on applications and often didn't fit in any box.

"I never knew what to put down. Sometimes I would leave it blank," said Saville, whose mother is Taiwanese and father is white. "I would never put down Caucasian. That's denying half my heritage."

Saville, 23, had a much easier time last year filling out her census form. She was able to check a box denoting she is both white and Asian.

"I thought it was cool that at least I'm able to publicly, on a national form, self-identify as both," Saville said. "There's so many people who fall into that category."

Nationwide, Americans who consider themselves to be more than one race grew about 32

percent from 2000-10, when including the category "Hispanic" as a race. Though the number of multiracial residents in Chicago is down nearly 24 percent compared with a decade ago, Saville is part of a burgeoning multiracial group here—Chicagoans who consider themselves to be both white and Asian grew nearly 72 percent during the past decade, according to recently released census data.

This group, about 11,600 residents, is the most populous biracial group in Chicago, surpassing the group of people who consider themselves both white and African-American by almost 3,000 residents. (On the census form, "Hispanic" is categorized separately from race, so RedEye did not focus on that group for this article.)

Dominic Pacyga, a Columbia College history professor who has studied immigration, and racial and ethnic relations, attributed the increase to a rise in interracial marriages between whites and Asians, which has grown as anti-Asian racism has subsided.

A Pew Research Center study of U.S. marriages in 2008 found nearly 15 percent of new marriages are interracial or interethnic. (In Illinois, that number was slightly lower at 13 percent.)

Of the 3.8 million adults who married in 2008, 31 percent of Asians, 26 percent of Hispanics, 16 percent of blacks and 9 percent of whites married someone whose race or ethnicity differed from their own, according to the Pew study.

Saville said growing up in Carbondale, "people weren't so sure what to place me as," and confused her for being Hispanic or Mediterranean.

She said since she started working for the Uptown-based Asian American Institute, which tries to empower the Asian-American community through advocacy, she's had several conversations with her co-workers about what it's like "being Asian."

Saville said she hasn't experienced much racism, though there are a few stereotypes she can't shake.

The perception "for Asian populations, is they do things well and they don't speak up a lot," said Saville, who lives in West Town. "Just naturally, I take after my dad. I'm a calmer and more laid-back person. People would attribute it to my Asian heritage sometimes."

Saville said her mother's parents were bewildered at first that her mom chose to marry an American, but now her grandparents welcome her dad as one of their own, including giving him a Chinese name.

Ashley Tsuruda, who also works at the Asian American

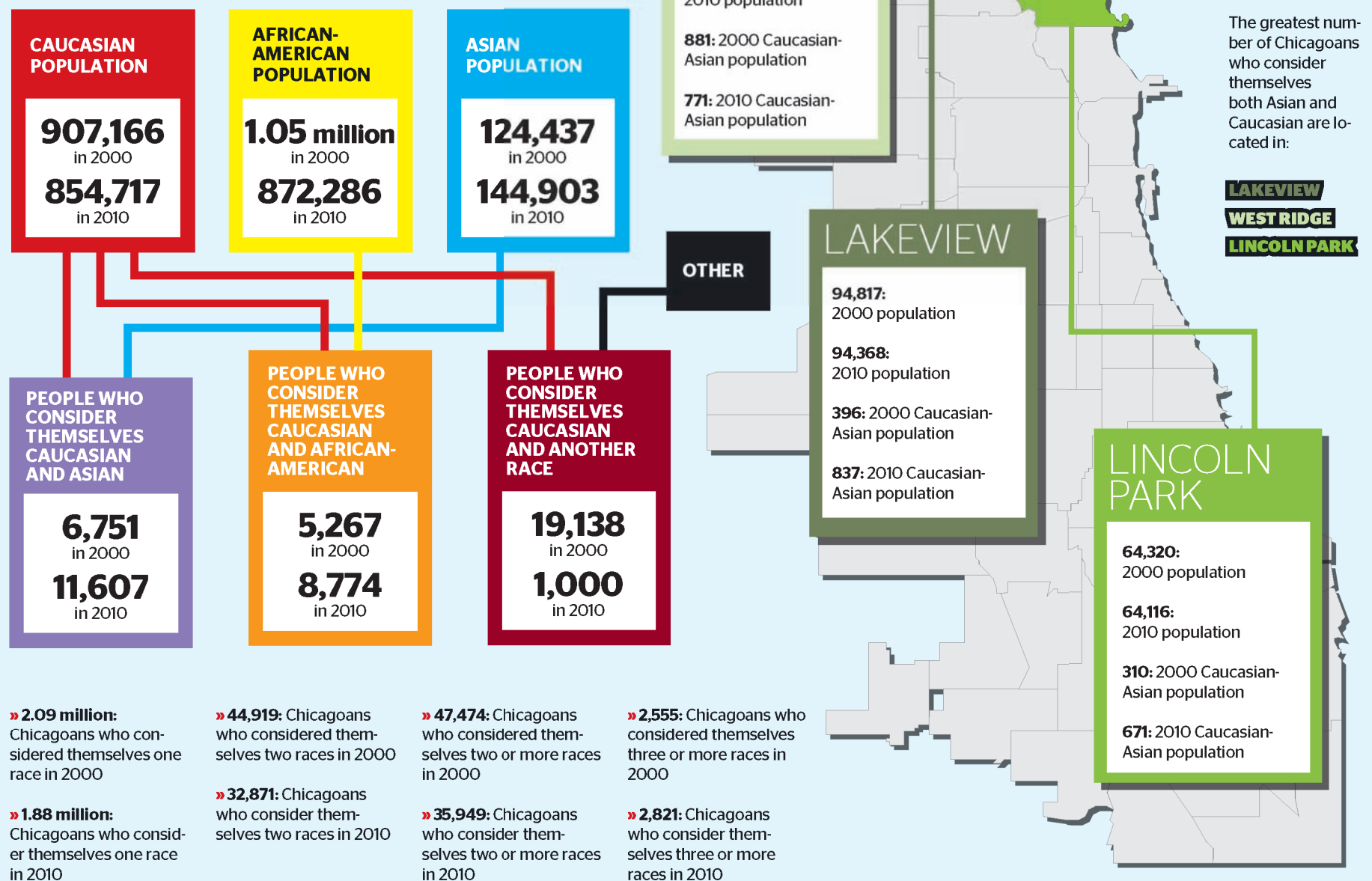


**Ashley Tsuruda (left) of Northbrook and Alisha Saville of West Town each have one Asian parent and one Caucasian parent.**  
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# BY THE NUMBERS

RedEye looks at how Chicago's diversity changed in the past 10 years, based on recently released census numbers. While the number of Chicagoans who consider themselves to be two or more races has decreased in the past decade, the number of people who call themselves white and Asian, and white and black, is up. T.S.



Institute, and whose father is Japanese and mother is white, said she sees interracial marriage "becoming more of an OK thing."

Tsuruda, 23, said part of the reason the Asian side of her family has no problem with her having a white mother is because her Japanese family has been in the U.S. since before World War II.

But, she said, growing up in Northbrook, people occasionally would stare at her when she ran errands with her mother, who has blond hair and blue eyes.

"There were people who would look at us weird," said Tsuruda, who has black hair and brown eyes. "They'd ask my mother, 'What country did you adopt her from?' And she'd

be like, 'Are you serious? That's my child.'"

Tsuruda, who identifies herself as a fifth-generation Asian-American, said it "happens all the time that people aren't exactly sure about what my race is." Tsuruda said people have mistaken her to be Chinese or Korean and one of her brothers to be Hispanic.

Still, Tsuruda said she rarely runs into major

problems because she's biracial but like her co-worker Saville, she's struggled with defining her race on important forms. Ultimately, she chose the "Asian" box on her college applications.

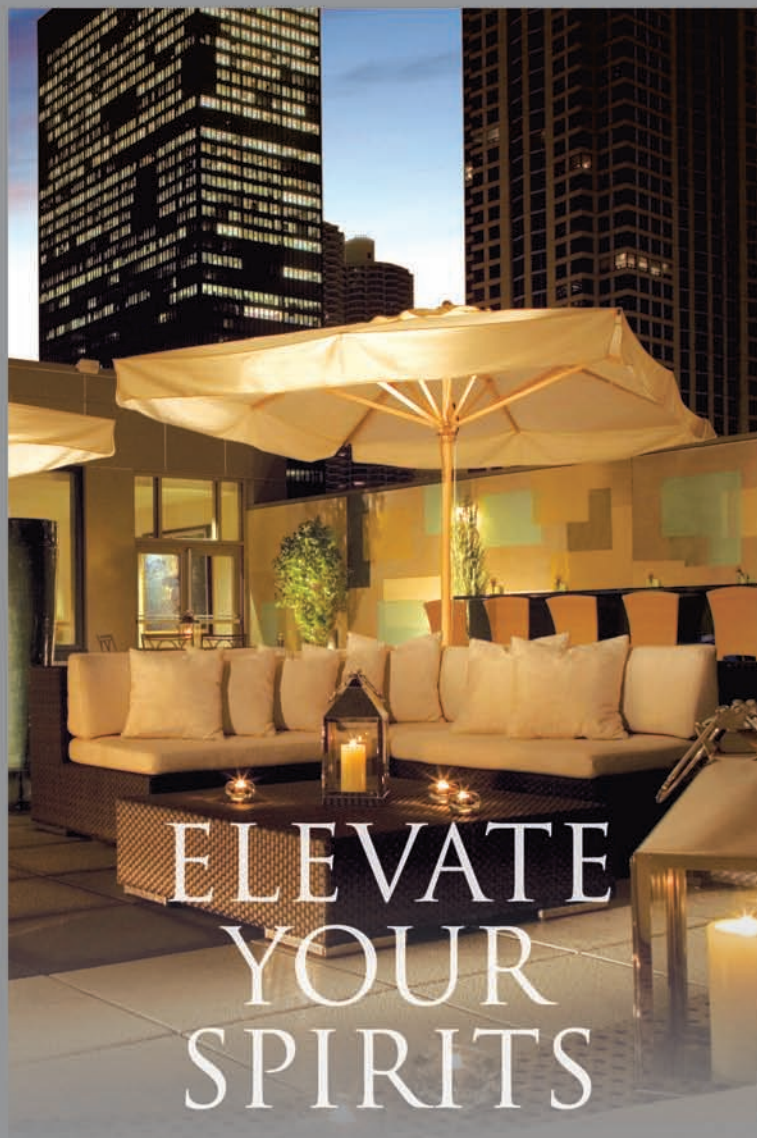
"It feels nice that I can now choose both," Tsuruda said.

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## More cops for Mag Mile

### City plans 'marginal' uptick in security on Near North Side after spate of attacks

#### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel and newly confirmed police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said Wednesday they're adding a "marginal" number of officers to the Near North Side to combat a spate of violence, even as they questioned the media's coverage of the attacks.

McCarthy cautioned reporters about characterizing crimes correctly, pointing to the differences between shoplifting, robbery and criminal mischief. And the mayor suggested journalists be more judicious in using the term "flash mob."

"We have to be sensitive to what it conjures up," Emanuel said.

But the administration has played a role in creating the ongoing frenzy. Authorities slapped a mob action charge on some of the youths arrested in the attacks. And McCarthy has pushed "flash mob" into the Chicago crime vernacular since he arrived in May.

Still, the quick series of attacks in affluent areas previously considered safe has created a cycle in which rising media attention fuels public fears and each new incident is viewed through that prism.

For example, on Tuesday evening, two teens were mugged in the downtown area, and some news outlets quoted witnesses and sources saying another mob attack had occurred. Interviews with police and the victims show that Tuesday's incident appeared to be a mugging that escalated when teens who were robbed chased the suspects, pushed one of them, and then got attacked themselves, according to one of the teen's accounts.

In an incident Wednesday, a group of at least four people beat a male victim and stole his wallet and iPhone near the CTA Brown Line stop on Chicago Avenue, police said. That victim was in serious condition.

Wednesday marked the first time city officials discussed a plan to increase police presence along the Magnificent Mile.

The department is using detectives, and patrol and gang unit officers, McCarthy said. Officers also will be posted at "choke points" around transportation hubs.

Officers will not engage in racial profiling, McCarthy said, but will "behaviorally profile." That means groups of five or more teens who are loud or taunting people, he said.

"It's not about the way someone looks," McCarthy said. "It's their behavior, that's what we're working with."

### He's official: Aldermen approve McCarthy

Garry McCarthy's comments about the Near North Side attacks came Wednesday after aldermen approved his nomination as police superintendent without dissent. The attacks were a conversation topic.

Ald. Brendan Reilly, whose 42nd Ward encompasses the territory where the attacks took place, said police in his district have told him robberies are up 10 percent compared with this time last year.

"I am looking forward to receiving a detailed plan on how they are going to bring the appropriate resources to bear to solve this immediately," Reilly said.

Additional police visibility is important, said Ald. Will Burns (4th), but the city does not need to panic about the recent uptick in crime downtown. Police need to determine whether the incidents of the past few weeks are random or part of a broader pattern of organized criminal activity, Burns said.

"It can become a racial issue if there's a disproportional response," Burns said. "In my ward, [crime] doesn't get the same attention as downtown." **TRIBUNE**

### Guardian Angels announce downtown patrols

The Guardian Angels, a volunteer CTA patrol group, announced Wednesday they will start patrolling the area near the Chicago Red Line stop in the wake of downtown attacks.

The group will start patrolling the corner of Wabash and Chicago avenues from 3 p.m.-1 a.m., said Miguel Fuentes, leader of the Chicago chapter of the Guardian Angels.

The patrols will run for the "next couple of days or weeks if needed," he said.

**TRACY SWARTZ, REDEYE**



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Paul McCartney has been mentioned as one of the possible artists who could play a concert this summer at Wrigley Field. GETTY IMAGES

## Wrigley concerts on docket

Ald. Thomas Tunney introduced ordinances Wednesday to allow Wrigley Field to host concerts July 31 and Aug. 1, though no band has yet reached agreement with the Cubs organization to perform there.

Paul McCartney has been discussed as a potential artist to play at the North Side ballpark, Tunney said. But the 44th Ward alderman said he couldn't wait for an agreement to be finalized before getting the ball rolling on holding extra night time events there.

Tunney also introduced an ordinance to give rooftop owners around the park the ability to sell tickets to host events in their buildings if the concerts materialize. TRIBUNE

### Closing arguments in Blagojevich trial

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday began closing arguments in the retrial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich on corruption charges. Arguments are expected to continue Thursday, followed by those of the defense.

### CTA unveils rapid transit plan

CTA riders who take a Jeffery Boulevard bus on the South Side could see their commutes shortened by up to seven minutes during rush hour, under the proposed bus rapid transit plans the CTA unveiled Wednesday.

### No verdict yet in Mumbai trial

The federal jury in the trial of the Chicago businessman accused of helping his childhood friend scout for a Pakistani terrorist group that carried out the deadly 2008 assault in Mumbai, India, completed its first day of deliberations with no verdict.

### Harpo Studios to cut jobs

Harpo Studios, Oprah Winfrey's production company, is one of four Chicago-area companies that have notified Illinois that they plan to cut a total of at least 250 jobs by July. TRIBUNE, REDEYE

## Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Five homicides were recorded in Chicago on Monday, making it the deadliest day of the year so far, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

At about 1:50 a.m., a 25-year-old man was shot and killed in the 5600 block of South May Street in Englewood, police said.

Approximately 10 minutes later, a 67-year-old woman was stabbed to death in the 5700 block of West Irving Park Road in Portage Park, according to officials.

Hours later, as the police investigated the woman's death, they found her husband, 73, fatally stabbed in the 3700 block of North Kilpatrick Avenue in Portage Park, the Tribune reported.

Meanwhile, a 20-year-old man was shot to death Monday morning in the 2400 block of East 75th Street in South Shore, police said.

At about 3:30 p.m., a 48-year-old man was fatally shot in the 700 block of South Pulaski Road in West Garfield Park, according to officials.

Nov. 13 was the last time Chicago saw five homicides in one day, according to RedEye data.

Besides the Monday incidents, West Garfield Park and South Shore each saw a gunshot homicide Friday.

Citywide, fatal shootings were recorded in Austin, Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Chicago Lawn, Irving Park, South Lawndale, West Englewood and Woodlawn in the past week, RedEye found.

In Brighton Park, a 41-year-old man was intentionally hit with his own car last week in the 4000 block of South Kedzie Avenue, police said.

Seventeen homicides have been recorded so far in June. Police logged 54 homicides in June 2010, RedEye found.

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Homicides from June 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

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# NY Times report claims Weiner's wife pregnant

**7 WASHINGTON** U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner withstood calls for him to resign over his online sex scandal Wednesday as word emerged that the wife he has publicly humiliated is pregnant.

Huma Abedin, 35, an aide to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who married the congressman a year ago, is in the early stages of pregnancy with the couple's first child, the New York Times reported, citing three unnamed people with knowledge of the situation.

Weiner, 46, a fiery liberal and rising star in the Democratic Party who many had

seen as the next mayor of New York, is resisting calls from fellow Democrats and Republicans that he step down for sending lewd photos of himself to women with whom he had held steamy online chats.

"I think his hope and instinct is that he can stick it out," said a senior New York Democrat, asking not to be identified. "We'll see."

After vehemently denying for more than a week that he sent a picture of his bulging briefs to a woman in Seattle, claiming he was the victim of hacking, Weiner tearfully admitted Monday to lying about the scandal.

He also vowed to remain in his post and

preserve his marriage to Abedin. Former President Bill Clinton officiated at their wedding in July amid much fanfare that Washington's newest power couple was made of a Muslim woman and a Jewish man.

The Times said the couple has disclosed the pregnancy to close friends and family.

"Having the respect of your constituents is fundamental for a member of Congress. In light of Anthony Weiner's offensive behavior ... he should resign," said Allyson Schwartz, a member of the House of Representatives Democratic campaign committee.



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## 'Chloroform' talk in trial

**1** Someone conducted searches on "chloroform" using a desktop computer located in the Florida home **Casey Anthony** shared with her parents, a computer examiner testified Wednesday in Anthony's capital murder trial.

## 2 killed in bear accident

**2** Two Canadians died instantly in a freak accident when a car hit a 440-pound black bear and sent the animal flying straight through the windshield of an oncoming vehicle, media in Ottawa said Wednesday.

## FBI going after hackers

**3** The FBI plans to sharpen its focus on the increased threat of cyber attacks over the next two years, FBI Director Robert Mueller said Wednesday, in the wake of a recent attack on Google's email system.

## Booze sales on the upswing

**4** U.S. alcohol sales climbed with little interruption throughout the recent recession and have continued to expand in recent months, according to a new report from financial information company Sageworks.

## Attacks on Misrata

**5** Forces loyal to embattled Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi launched a new attack on the rebel-held city of Misrata on Wednesday, with anti-government forces reporting intense shelling from three sides of the city.

## Debit card legislation fails

**6** Despite intense pressure from banks, the Senate failed Wednesday to delay rules capping fees that banks charge retailers to process debit card transactions by consumers.



## Strike four

**9** Lightning strikes Wednesday over buildings in Belgrade, Serbia. **REUTERS**

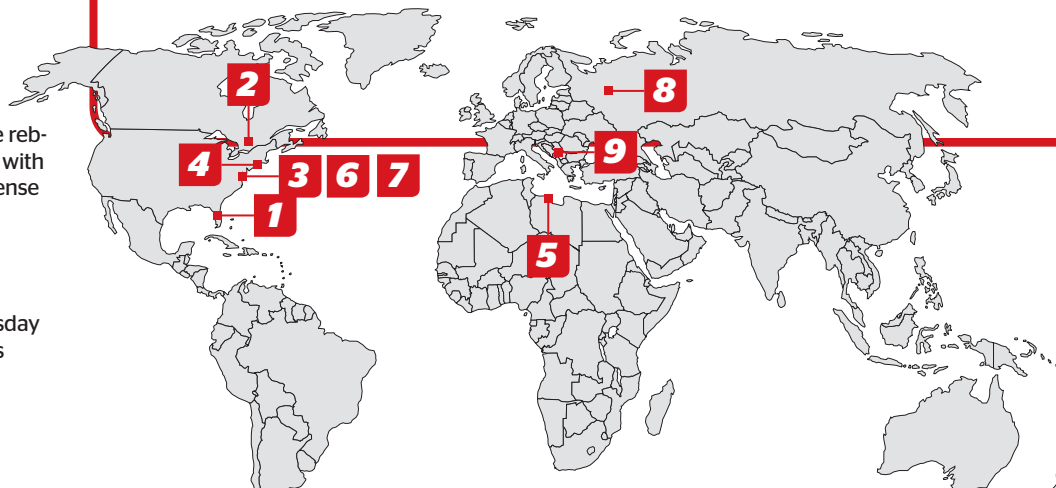
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**8 MOSCOW** Russian officials in Moscow say new public toilets, to be introduced by the end of the year, will be virtually indestructible.

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The drive to introduce bomb-proof toilets in the city follows a spate of deadly bomb attacks in recent years.



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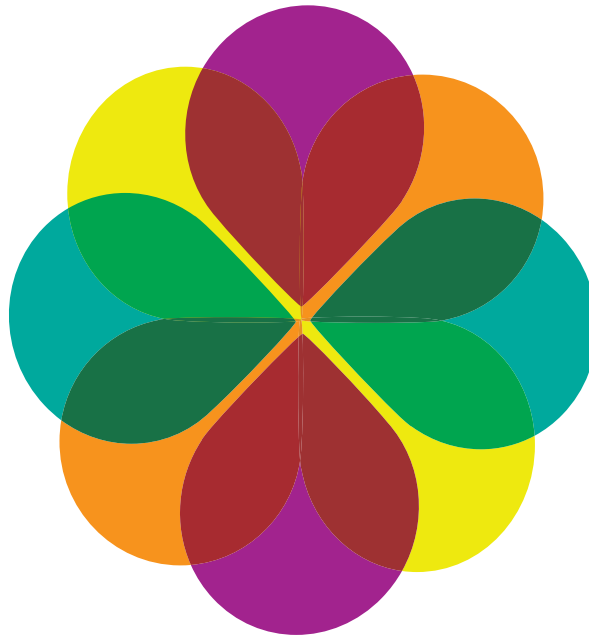
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## Back on their feet?

**Cubs halt their losing streak at eight, but it took its toll on and off the field**

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With not-so-great fanfare, the Cubs ended an eight-game losing streak Wednesday in Cincinnati with a 4-1 win over the Reds.

Getting a "W" is a relief, no doubt. But the fallout from the dubious streak will last. From injuries to controversies to fan backlash, the 10 days of Cubbie blues were costly.

Here's a look back.

### MAY 30

Alfonso Soriano hustles to first to beat out a ground ball but pulls up lame. Cubs fans can finish the rest of this in their sleep: He is put on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left quadriceps.

### MAY 31

The Cubs head into the ninth inning at Wrigley with a 3-1 lead, only to watch as Carlos Marmol gives up six runs to the Astros on the way to a 7-3 loss. Fans booed as Marmol left the field. Starting pitcher Carlos Zambrano drew the ire of manager Mike Quade when he broke a bat over his knee after

striking out in the fifth. "He knows [I don't like] that," Quade said.

### JUNE 1

During the course of the 3-1 loss to Houston, third baseman Aramis Ramirez is knocked out of the game after being hit in the lip with a bouncing ground ball.

### JUNE 2

The headlines in newspapers on an off day probably shocked Cubs fans. Owner Tom Ricketts, when asked what was wrong with his team, replied: "Nothing. Just injuries." Moving on ...

### JUNE 3

Just a 6-1 loss to rival St. Louis. No biggie.

### JUNE 4

Here's where it starts getting ugly. The Cubs head to the ninth in St. Louis tied at 4 and appear to be headed for extra innings when Albert Pujols hits a two-out, walk-off homer to give the Cardinals the win. Why did the Cubs pitch to Pujols? Quade said he made the call.

### JUNE 5

Apparently the Cubs didn't learn from their June 4 mistake. Another tie in the ninth, and ex-Cub Ryan Theriot hits



Zambrano  
US PRESSWIRE

a game-tying double. Then, in the 10th, Pujols hits another walk-off homer. Afterward, Zambrano was not happy. "We should know better than this. We played like a Triple-A team. This is embarrassing, embarrassing for the team, for the owners, for the fans. Embarrassing. That's the word for this team."

### JUNE 6

The Reds crush the Cubs 8-2. Yawn.

### JUNE 7

It's déjà vu as the Cubs lose 8-2 again. Starlin Castro "stars," picking up his 11th error of the season, tying him for the league lead.

## Damage (out of) control

Now we know that Chicago is the official home of damaged goods.

That's all I can conclude after the latest with Jake Peavy.

I'd really like to thank Kenny Williams for taking a flyer on this one. I kind of like Peavy, seems like a good clubhouse guy, decent competitor—you know, the whole story.

However, he has what you would call a "history." The latest:

Some sort of groin thing put him on the DL. This is bad news. It used to be all shoulders and elbows and tendons with this guy, but it appears his problems are moving lower. I'm not impressed.

The Sox's six-man rotation is really a five-and-a-half-man rotation. A special shout-out to Phil Humber. He's the opposite of Peavy. He's come back from his injuries, and it looks like he's a keeper.

Adam Dunn, you're on notice. Here's my favorite excuse floating around: "Oh, it's going to take him awhile to adjust to being only a DH. He's much better suited to the National league."

OK, well then, let's see. I could see a little adjustment time leading to a dip in the average, but Mr. Dunn is hitting in the .170s. That means he has to tack on 30 points just to make it to pathetic.

So Peavy and Dunn, damaged and horrific. Phil Humber, good. Nice work, Kenny. Memo to the Guillen family: Just shut up. All of you. You're not helping.

But at least they're watchable.

Our other damaged goods? The Cubs' Carlos Zambrano—damaged in the head. I mean, how crazy does one have to be to tell the truth in this city? That's what I do, and I need a bag over my head.

The manager defends the team's effort. Well then, it must be a lack of talent.

I love June. The season's almost half over.

Here's a news item: Plaxico Burress gets out of jail. You know, I really don't care that much for any of the Bears receivers. I have to say, I'll pass. One nut job (Big Z) is enough.

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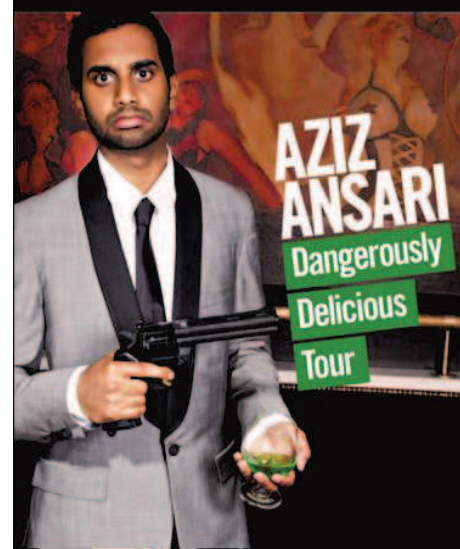
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| <b>1</b> The NBA and NHL are done soon, leaving us baseball. Good or bad?            | Good. The only heat we need is outdoors.                                 | In almost every other city besides here, fine. Right now in Chicago: Triple blah.                        | Good. The White Sox were gracious enough to wait before "officially" making their run. | Bad. I miss you already, Bulls.   | Now that the Red Sox have put their Cubs-like April behind them, it's fantastic.          |
| <b>2</b> Give the Vancouver Canucks a nickname.                                      | Bite Club.   | Stupid lucky jerkfaces. I swear, I have a journalism degree.   | It's not appropriate to print in RedEye.   | The Wrestlers. They're getting a little crazy out there.                                | Moose + a word beginning with F that rhymes with "truckers." Yep. Nailed it.              |
| <b>3</b> What's your theory as to what happened to the Blackhawks' Cup-winning puck? | How do you think they replaced Duncan Keith's missing teeth?             | After consulting Encyclopedia Brown, the puck has been traced to Bugs Meany.                             | Check Chris Pronger's sock drawer.   | Patrick Kane keeps it with him to impress the ladies when he hits the town.             | It was either swallowed up by a pothole or it melted in the heat.                         |
| <b>4</b> The Fire are trying for their first win since March 30. Give 'em advice.    | "Sneak an extra player on the field when the ref's not looking."         | "Relax, guys. Very few people will be watching whether you win or lose."                                 | They've got the Yoda of soccer: Listen to Frankie K.                                   | "Get that fire going. Chicago needs a winner."  | I turn to Carlos Zambrano for all dispensing of advice.                                   |
| <b>5</b> Why did the Cubs draft Wayne Gretzky's son?                                 | Uh, there's probably a stick handling joke in there somewhere.           | According to the transitive property (sort of), the son of the Great One is by definition the Great Two. | No matter what the sport, the name Gretzky on the back of a jersey will end up a stud. | In hopes of getting a little of that family skill back in Chicago.                      | They need a new fixer-upper since Soriano's still on the decline.                         |

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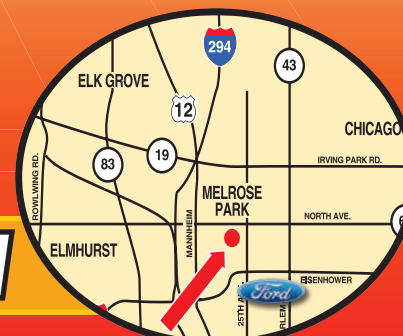
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This photo from Game 6 of the 2010 Stanley Cup finals shows linesman Steve Miller picking up the winning puck after the goal scored by Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE**

# Puck protector?

## Hall of Fame calls for preservation of Cup-winning pucks

A day after the Tribune reported the last person seen holding the puck used last year to capture the Blackhawks' first Stanley Cup in 49 years was a linesman, the Hockey Hall of Fame chairman called for the NHL to preserve pucks that are in play when the championship is won.

Bill "Red" Hay—a member of the Hawks' 1961 Stanley Cup champs—said the NHL needs to act to avoid a repeat.

"The league should step in," Hay said. "The league should determine who is responsible for picking up a puck at the end—the puck that wins the Stanley Cup. They talk to refs all the time. ... Appoint one guy, a linesman, to pick up the puck that was used to win the Stanley Cup."

The rubber disc hasn't been found since it was

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dug out of the net while the Blackhawks celebrated their victory over the Flyers.

On Tuesday, a Tribune article detailed how veteran linesman Steve Miller had been shown unpublished Tribune photos clearly showing him holding the puck, but he said he couldn't recall what he did with it.

It was a shift from earlier this year, when he told ESPN he never touched the puck. He now says he doesn't know where the puck is.

The NHL's officiating handbook does not address what is to happen to pucks once games end, and no rule prohibits a hockey official from taking one.

Hall of Fame linesman Ray Scapinello said that in the 20 Stanley Cup finals he worked, the NHL's pregame instructions did not make saving a puck a priority.

"It's bewildering," Scapinello said. "This isn't going away, believe me. I understand the significance."



Superstar LeBron James scored eight points in Miami's Game 4 loss in Dallas on Tuesday night. How did he respond? "I think it's that time," James said. "I think it's that time that I try to get myself going individually." Really? Already? Why not wait? James is either the laziest, stupidest or most misunderstood athlete ever. I haven't decided.

### DOESN'T TAKE MUCH

Now that the Cubs have ended their eight-game winning streak and lowered the bar for expectations, expect them to make a mini-run here that is just enough to convince management not to make any moves at the trade deadline. Then, they'll tank again. Book it.

### NOT ONLY THAT ...

But "Cubs win" also was a top trending topic on Twitter hours after the win. The fan base is satisfied for another week or so.

### THEY'LL NEVER TAKE OUR FREEDOM!

The new Winnipeg NHL franchise, aka the Atlanta Thrashers aka Blackhawks South, took another piece of our Cup-winning organization. Kevin Cheveldayoff, assistant general manager, now will be Winnipeg's general manager. Now, please leave us alone or else we're taking back Andrew Ladd.

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» Manchester United legend Gary Neville will throw out the first pitch Thursday at U.S. Cellular Field. He will be in town Thursday and Friday to promote the July 23 match at Soldier Field between Manchester United and the Fire.

» NFL owners and players met Wednesday for a second straight day in New York, with Judge Arthur Boylan joining Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith. Also on hand were five team owners and five players.

### GAME PLANNER

**Cubs at Philadelphia**  
6:05 p.m. WGN

**White Sox vs. Oakland**  
7:10 p.m. CSN

**Fire at Kansas City**  
9 p.m. ESPN2



# dining

## Vegetarians party, too

### Vegan cassoulet, seitan Philly and other bar food finds

By Emily Van Zandt

In a bar food world of wings, sliders and duck fat fries, it can be tricky to be vegan or vegetarian. With the growing popularity of things like "Meatless Mondays," even self-proclaimed carnivores are opting to go meat-free every now and again. When I saw that Northdown Cafe and Taproom in Lakeview sported a vegan- and vegetarian-friendly menu, I decided to grab my healthy-eating sister to see if the new spot could make vegan bar food work. Check out my take below, plus three more Chicago spots with menus that appeal to even the most limiting of diets.

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Northdown Cafe  
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

#### Northdown Cafe and Taproom 3244 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-7578

**The scene:** Tucked into a crowded block of Lincoln Avenue, we almost walked past the front door while trying to find the bar in a downpour. Inside, the sleek main bar extends almost the length of the room, providing plenty of seating if you just want to catch a drink. For parties who need a little more room, tables take up the rest of the space in the main room, with extra seating in a more cozy dining area tucked away in the back. And did I mention the two working pinball machines tucked away near the bathroom? Excellent addition.

**The drinks:** Cheers to another excellent beer list popping up in this neighborhood. There was hardly a single beer on the list of drafts and bottles that I wasn't interested in. And the price was right, too, with Three Floyds Gumballhead and Allagash White both on draft for \$5. After a few rounds and a full table of food, my party was offered a round of drinks on the house—a gesture that's always remembered.

**The bites:** Dishes that can be made vegan are marked with a (v) symbol on the menu and it's amazing just how many options there are. The two vegetarian dishes we tried actually were the best of the meal, with the creamy roasted garlic and white bean dip (served with ciabatta toast) and the savory vegan cassoulet (a mix of wild mushrooms, navy beans, kale and just enough polenta) being the most well-seasoned dishes on the table. Other vegan options included a seitan Philly, complete with vegan cheese sauce, and a roasted spring veggie sandwich. Just be sure to save room for dessert. One word: pie.



Vegan cassoulet  
at Northdown Cafe  
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Handlebar  
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#### Handlebar 2311 W. North Ave. 773-384-9546

This seriously popular Wicker Park spot is known for being both bicyclist- and vegetable-lover friendly. Think filling appetizers like spicy samosas and fried pickles, salads, sandwiches (with seitan options), and a handful of entrees such as tacos and seared tofu. The restaurant also offers brunch (don't skip the vegan breakfast burrito)—but be prepared to wait for a table.

#### Rodan 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-7036

Only been to this Milwaukee Avenue venue for the music? Take a second look. The restaurant/lounge hybrid keeps its kitchen open until midnight Sunday through Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday through Saturday during the summer, serving up Asian-inspired small plates such as edamame hummus, tempura green beans and wasabi fries. In the mood for something heartier? Beef burgers can always be swapped out for a veggie patty.

#### Dragonlady Lounge 3188 N. Elston Ave. 773-866-2450

Looking for a dive bar atmosphere with a side of vegan and vegetarian Korean eats? Specific, yes, but you can find it in Avondale. Pull up a bar stool at this dimly lit hole-in-the-wall and get ready to stuff yourself with more veggies than you can handle—especially Thursday nights at the all-you-can-eat buffet.

### THE TICKER

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» Bouncing back from a fire that destroyed much of the bar area, **Lady Gregory's** (5254 N. Clark St.) is set to open Monday.

» Be on the lookout for new things coming from the kitchen at **The Violet Hour** (1520 N. Damen Ave.) as Fred Noinaj (formerly of Alinea) and Ben Caulfield (formerly of Rootstock) take the helm as chef de cuisine and sous chef, respectively.



» **Mercadito** (108 W. Kinzie St.) is super-sizing its brunch cocktails with bottle service available for bloody marys and mimosas, priced between \$45 and \$550 for different vodkas and champagnes, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.



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SEEN ON THE SCENE AT ... EPIC, 112 W. HUBBARD ST.

It was hot out there, wasn't it? Not surprisingly, partygoers were headed out and up to the city's many rooftop bars. On Friday, we checked out the laid-back scene at Epic. —CRAIG SEYMOUR



**Curtis Dorsey**

37, works at a pharmaceutical company

### What are you drinking?

Blueberry Stoli and tonic with sour, because it's my drink. I'm a vodka kind of guy, and it's refreshing.

### What's the appeal of a rooftop bar?

When the weather is nice, you get to enjoy the scenery. You get a nice breeze. You get to do some people-watching and just get out. This is the time we wait for all year. We're trapped inside for what seems like six months out of the year, so once it starts to get nice, it's nice to get out and enjoy it.

**Vanessa Gallarzo**

27, works at a marketing agency



### What's the perfect rooftop drink?

Champagne. It's bubbly and it lets you get loose.

### What are the rules on dressing for a rooftop bar?

Definitely comfortable. Whatever let's you flow, something that's not tight. I don't care if you're wearing a tank top or long dress, just something that you're comfortable in.



**Troy Puste**

24, DJ from Detroit

### What are you drinking?

Vodka and cranberry, because that's my [expletive]. It's what I drink.

### What's gonna be the hottest song of the summer?

[Sultan and Ned Shepard featuring Nadia Ali's] "Call My Name (Spencer and Hill Remix)." It's the best club banger I've heard thus far.

### What's the best summer jam of all time?

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This popular River North bar has revamped its Thursday night happy hour with a focus on local goods with live music, beer tastings from local breweries and a discounted menu heavy on the local ingredients.

### **Bodega No. 5** 638 S. Michigan Ave. 312-765-0524

This rebranded lounge in the basement of South Loop restaurant Mercat a la Planxa offers tasty tapas and refreshing drinks for \$5 each. Add a patio to the mix and you can't do much better.

### **NoMi Kitchen** 800 N. Michigan Ave. 312-239-4030

NoMi is back at NoMi Kitchen. The restaurant in the Park Hyatt was closed for five months for a major renovation.

### **Reggie's Music Joint** 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120

Four words for you: Steve Buscemi bar crawl. It starts at Reggie's at 5 p.m. Saturday. There are Buscemi masks involved. Doesn't get much hotter.

### **Roots Handmade Pizza** 1924 W. Chicago Ave. 773-645-4949

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8:30 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

### Alela Diane

Need a good cry? This singer-songwriter's haunting voice over finger-picked melodies may get you there. With The Parson Redheads, The Singleman Affair.  
9:30 p.m. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

### Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers

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Music, dance and movies each Wednesday throughout the summer. June events include  
June 1: Skokie Valley Symphony Performers  
June 8: Dancing on the Green - 50's Night  
June 15: Classic Cars on the Green  
June 22: Ghostbusters, the movie  
June 29: Dixieland Band

### Saturday, June 11

#### Block Party @ St. Norbert

Walters & Meadow, Northbrook  
[www.northbrooknine.com](http://www.northbrooknine.com)

North Shore's largest summer kick-off event. The fun starts at 8 am with a Kid's Fun Run and a 5K Run, afternoon festivities begin at 3 p.m. with games, inflatables, face painting, and DJ entertainment. Live bands and food well into the evening.

### Saturday, June 18

#### Annual Dairy Breakfast and Farm Day

Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview  
[www.glenviewparks.org](http://www.glenviewparks.org)

A farm on the North Shore...yes!! Celebrate Dairy Month at Wagner Farm with a delicious farm-style breakfast. Farm tours, demonstrations, hay rides and plenty of hands-on activities throughout the morning. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### June 18-19

#### Custer's Last Stand

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### Saturday, June 25

#### Glenview Summer Festival

Glenview Rd. at Waukegan Rd., Glenview  
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The Glenview Summer Festival (a.k.a. Street Sale) gives dozens of merchants a chance to showcase their wares, and sell excess inventory. In addition, local restaurants will be selling their most popular food items, while artists and crafters show off their talents with hand-made jewelry, pottery, and more.

### June 25-26

#### Fountain Square Arts Festival

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## Sidewalk Sales

### Northbrook

Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9  
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Thursday, July 14 - Saturday, July 17  
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### Downtown Evanston Super Sidewalk Sale

Friday, July 22 - Sunday, July 24  
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## Father's Day

Sunday June, 19, 2011

### Father's Day Canoe Adventure

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe  
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### North Shore Car Show

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## The Postelles

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(Plus One Records)

It's not often that you can say something like, "If you liked 'Jersey Boys,' you may like this." Well, that's the case with New York pop-rockers the Postelles, whose long-awaited full-length debut (I've been a fan since their set at Lolla '08) achieves an old-fashioned, lovelorn quality Frankie Valli probably would enjoy. Except Valli didn't confront subjects such as abusive relationships ("Whisper Whisper") or what certainly sounds like unwanted sexual advances ("123 Stop"), which the Postelles present with such upbeat jangle it can be unclear (especially on "123 Stop") what they think about the subject.

Virtually every song is about a love that's wanted but is either coming to an end or never got started. Singer Daniel Balk achieves both sweetness on the ballad "Hold On" and swag-ger on irresistible tunes such as "White Night," "Can't Stand Still" and "Sound the Alarms," which recalls the Strokes if they weren't empty inside.

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# Wild at heart

Chicago singer Kelsey Wild answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at **metro-mix.com**. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

## What makes your live show great?

I sing quietly and then suddenly loudly and then quietly.

## Describe your sound in five words or less.

Quiet, dark pop songs

## Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

My name isn't actually a stage name. I think "Wild" gives the impression that I'm going to do something weird or unexpected onstage, but my live shows are actually pretty sedate. Once my aunt on the East Coast sent her cat to my family in the Midwest, and the baggage handlers were afraid the touch the pet carrier because "Wild" was stenciled on the side. For me, that redeems it a little.

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## Kelsey Wild

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## If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

I guess Daria, because I vacillate between optimism and extreme cynicism in music and in life. But whatever, I'm still not as cool.

## What's the best album you've heard recently?

I like "Outlaster" by Nina Nastasia. It's a very strange album that is taut and tense, but beautiful. I'm always amazed at her ability to create entire story worlds and moods with an economy of words. What I like most is that



**Kelsey Wild**  
RONNY ROBINSON PHOTO

Nina is never too emotional or too distant. She always maintains a dry-eyed kind of realism that belies a kind of involuntary wonder at the world.

## What song do you never want to hear again?

Bob Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited." The slide whistle at the beginning [is] almost offensive. I just hate it. I'm not sure I've heard a whistle that I liked in a song though. I don't

like that I don't like it, either, because Dylan is a classic dude or whatever. I could never really get into him.

## What is Chicago's best music venue and why?

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# 'Super' risky

## Los Angeles Times

The sci-fi film "Super 8" heads into theaters with two of Hollywood's biggest marquee names above its title: writer-director J.J. Abrams and producer Steven Spielberg. Yet in an era of sequels, spinoffs, book adaptations and TV show remakes, the movie stands as an anomaly: It's a wholly original project with no A-list actors in starring roles.

The nature of "Super 8"—and Abrams' wish to preserve its mystery—has forced Paramount Pictures to handle the release with the kind of special care typically bestowed on an art-house endeavor. The studio announced via Twitter on Wednesday that the film, which will open nationally Friday, will premiere in about 325 sneak previews at 12:01 a.m. Thursday.

The hope, executives say, is that word of mouth will help bolster interest in the story of a group of friends who find themselves in danger after witnessing a massive train derailment.

"The strength of 'Super 8,' " said Rob

Moore, Paramount's vice chairman, "is the movie's heart."

Heart isn't typically what sells summer tent-pole projects, meaning "Super 8" may offer the season's best test of the promise—and peril—of word of mouth.

Audience tracking surveys show that though older moviegoers, particularly men, are interested in seeing the film, younger ticket buyers have been slow so far to warm to the film. In other words, people who remember 1979 (and the Spielberg films that inform this new movie) are more likely to want to see "Super 8."

The Spielberg touches are easy to find in the film as it follows friends in 1979 Ohio who are obsessed with making their own zombie movie (their camera uses Super 8 film). The kids witness a secret military train's crash, soon followed by mysterious disappearances.

Abrams, who directed Paramount's "Star Trek" reboot and "Mission: Impossible III," and produced the studio's alien invasion thriller "Cloverfield," felt strongly that early



"Super 8" commercials and previews could not reveal one of the film's central twists, although the studio disagreed.

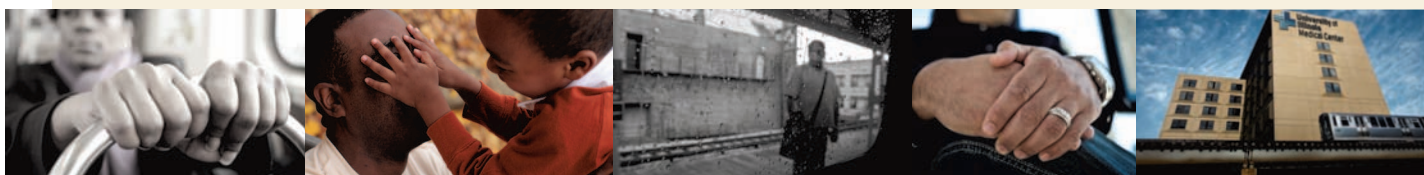
"My feeling is that if you show them [the moviegoers] everything, they won't want to go see it, so there's a battle internally," Abrams said recently.

In Paramount's thinking, the early Thursday screenings are close enough to the film's real premiere in about 3,000 locations Friday to spark ticket-buyer interest without unleashing a wave of plot spoilers.

"Word of mouth doesn't take a week anymore," Moore said. "It takes hours."

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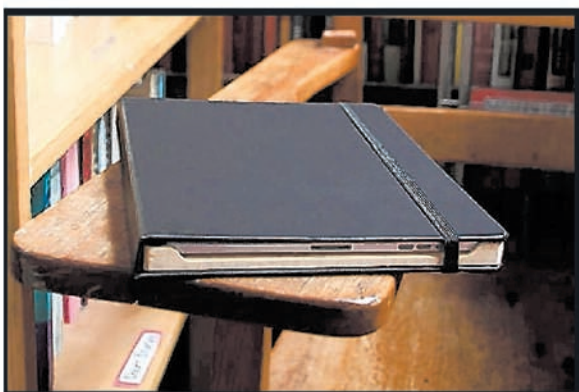
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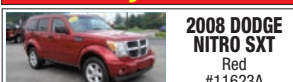
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- 7 Rugged cliff
- 8 Car lot figure
- 9 Gross out
- 10 Qualified
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- 12 1967 Montreal exhibition
- 14 In a happy way
- 21 Gym floor pads
- 25 "He's got the whole world in \_ hands..."
- 26 German sub
- 27 Black-and-white bamboo eater
- 28 Aviator
- 29 Outwitted
- 30 Personalities
- 31 Flawless
- 32 Chutzpah
- 33 Flowed back
- 35 Surfer's concern
- 38 Feeds and cares for
- 39 Terrible
- 41 Scouting group
- 42 Lounge about
- 44 Notebook
- 45 Meager
- 47 Melted together
- 48 Be flexible
- 49 Hideaway
- 50 Killer whale
- 52 Ark builder
- 53 Long story
- 54 Give off
- 55 Blockhead
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# MOVIE MATH

## Pitting this summer's hottest stars against each other isn't always pretty

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Jennifer Love Hewitt is the worst actress of our generation. That is, if Rotten Tomatoes has anything to say about it. Slate magazine released an online simulator using the movie rating site's data to graph the success of actors and directors since 1985, and Love did not conquer all, with an average score of 18.9 percent approval—ouch. We took Slate's simulator for a test flight to see how the stars from the summer's biggest chick flick and action movie measure up.



**Tyrese Gibson**  
**Average score:** 40.5  
**Biggest surprise:** How few of his movies we've actually seen. "Annapolis"? "Waist Deep"?



**Josh Duhamel**  
**Average score:** 34.5  
**Biggest surprise:** Duhamel's highest-rated movie? "Ramona and Beezus." This tells us something, people.



**Patrick Dempsey**  
**Average score:** 33  
**Biggest surprise:** Viewers were hot for Dempsey in "Enchanted"—the movie earned a 92. He followed it up with rom-com bomb "Made of Honor," which scored a 14.



**Michael Bay**  
**Average score:** 27  
**Biggest surprise:** That this director managed to earn only a 41 for "Armageddon." Were we the only ones who loved the animal cracker seduction scene?



**Maya Rudolph**  
**Average score:** 56.8  
**Biggest surprise:** While we're not shocked that "Grown Ups" bombed out at 10 percent, we're completely blown away that "Anchorman" got only a 66. Booooo!



**Kristen Wiig**  
**Average score:** 54.5  
**Biggest surprise:** While Wiig's career has zigged and zagged in the higher ratings lately, her best-reviewed movie is "How To Train Your Dragon" at 98 percent.



**Wendi McLendon-Covey**  
**Average score:** 49.2  
**Biggest surprise:** The movie's jaded mom has seen her stock rise steadily since 2005's "Bewitched." But really, there's nowhere to go but up from that stinker, which earned a 25.



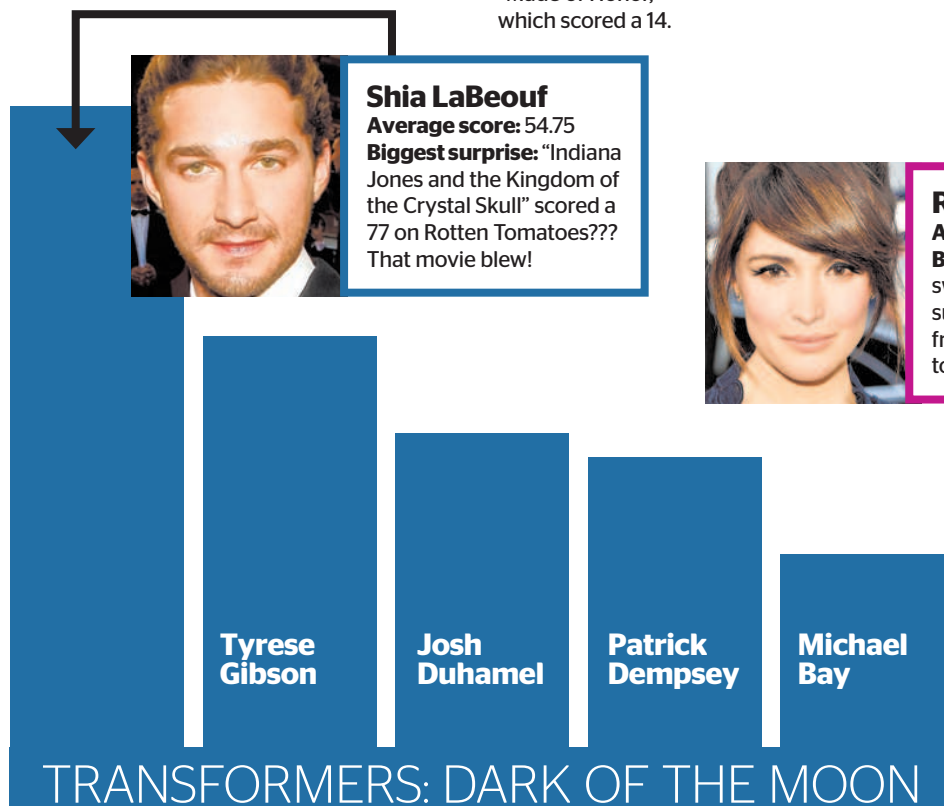
**Melissa McCarthy**  
**Average score:** 43.6  
**Biggest surprise:** She's been in shockingly few movies, including—blerg—"The Back Up Plan." Hopefully this hilarious Chicago actress keeps going with awesome projects like "Bridesmaids."



**Shia LaBeouf**  
**Average score:** 54.75  
**Biggest surprise:** "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" scored a 77 on Rotten Tomatoes??? That movie blew!



**Rose Byrne**  
**Average score:** 57.6  
**Biggest surprise:** For someone so sweet and innocent looking, Byrne sure has done a ton of horror flicks—from "28 Weeks Later..." to "Insidious" to, err, "The Rage in Lake Placid."







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## Wolverine sighting

Hugh Jackman (above) was in St. Charles on Wednesday to tape a PBS special with Richard Marx. Wait, what? The two apparently are friends; Marx was the musical director for Jackman's one-man show, which recently wrapped in San Francisco. Vertical Horizon singer Matt Scannell also was in town for the taping ... but that's not nearly as funny.



Zach Galifianakis  
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## THE DIGIT

# 16.4 MILLION

The number of viewers who tuned in to the final episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on May 25, **deadline.com** reports, the most to watch an episode of "Oprah" since 1993.

# Writer's block



Zach Galifianakis is great as a guest host on "Saturday Night Live." As a writer for the show? Not so much. The "Hangover" star tells Rolling Stone he actually was an "SNL" writer about 10 years ago and lasted only two weeks after pitching a sketch in which Britney Spears would spontaneously bleed from the mouth during an interview with "Entertainment Tonight." We're amused; Brit was not.



Criss

## Glee out

Hottie actor Darren Criss, who plays a gay teenager on "Glee," will perform during Boystown's

Market Days, festival organizers announced this week. He performs Aug. 13, between Maxine Nightingale and "America's Got Talent" finalist Prince Poppycock, and the day before Gloria Gaynor and current "The Voice" contestant Frenchie Davis hit the stage. Whatta lineup.



Fat Joe

## Skinny Joe?

The name doesn't really have the same hook to it, does it? Terror Squad rapper Fat Joe

is almost unrecognizable in the music video for his new single, "Drop a Body," in which he appears after shedding more than 100 pounds. Get it? He really did "drop a body."



Evans

## Bald and bold

Captain America has revealed his weakness: his hair. Chris Evans, who plays the superhe-

ro in the movie due out next month, told E! he is follically challenged. The character's "supposed to be like this superior human being. He can't be balding," Evans said. "How horrible would it be if this superior man has male pattern baldness?" It's Hollywood—they'll figure it out for future movies.



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